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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

In response to the final Office Action dated July 11, 2006, the Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.